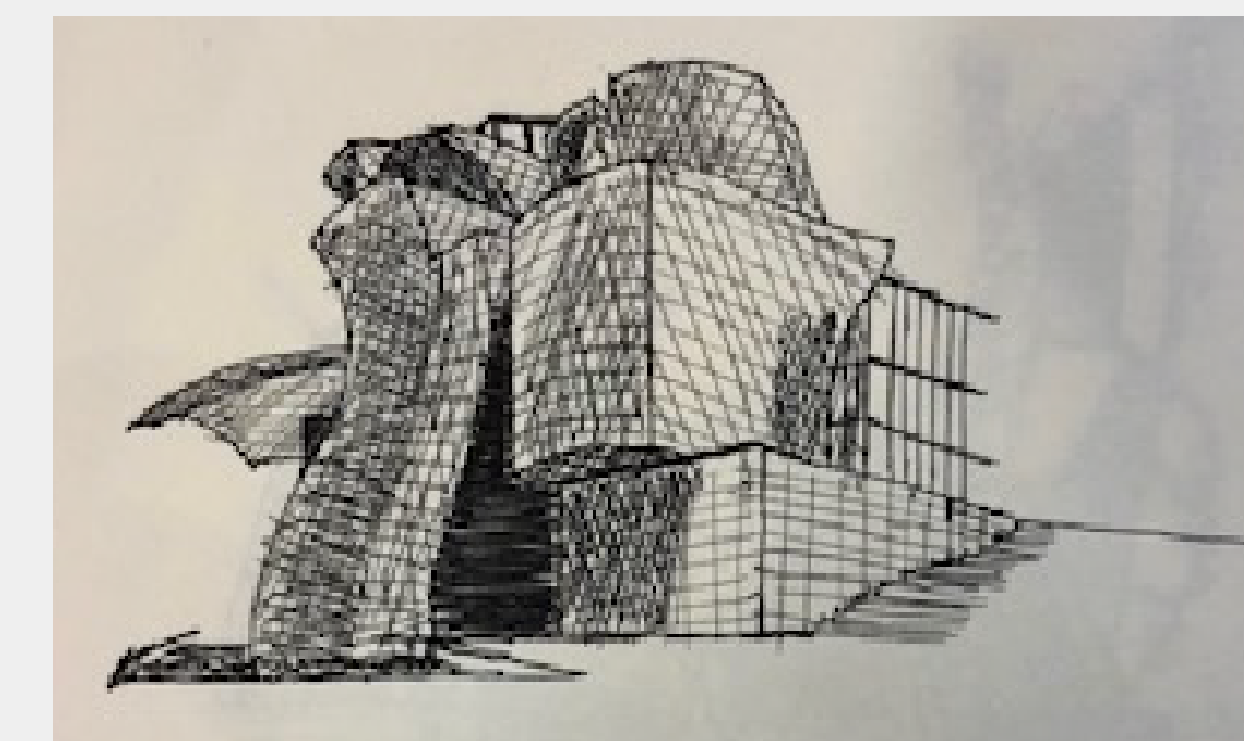


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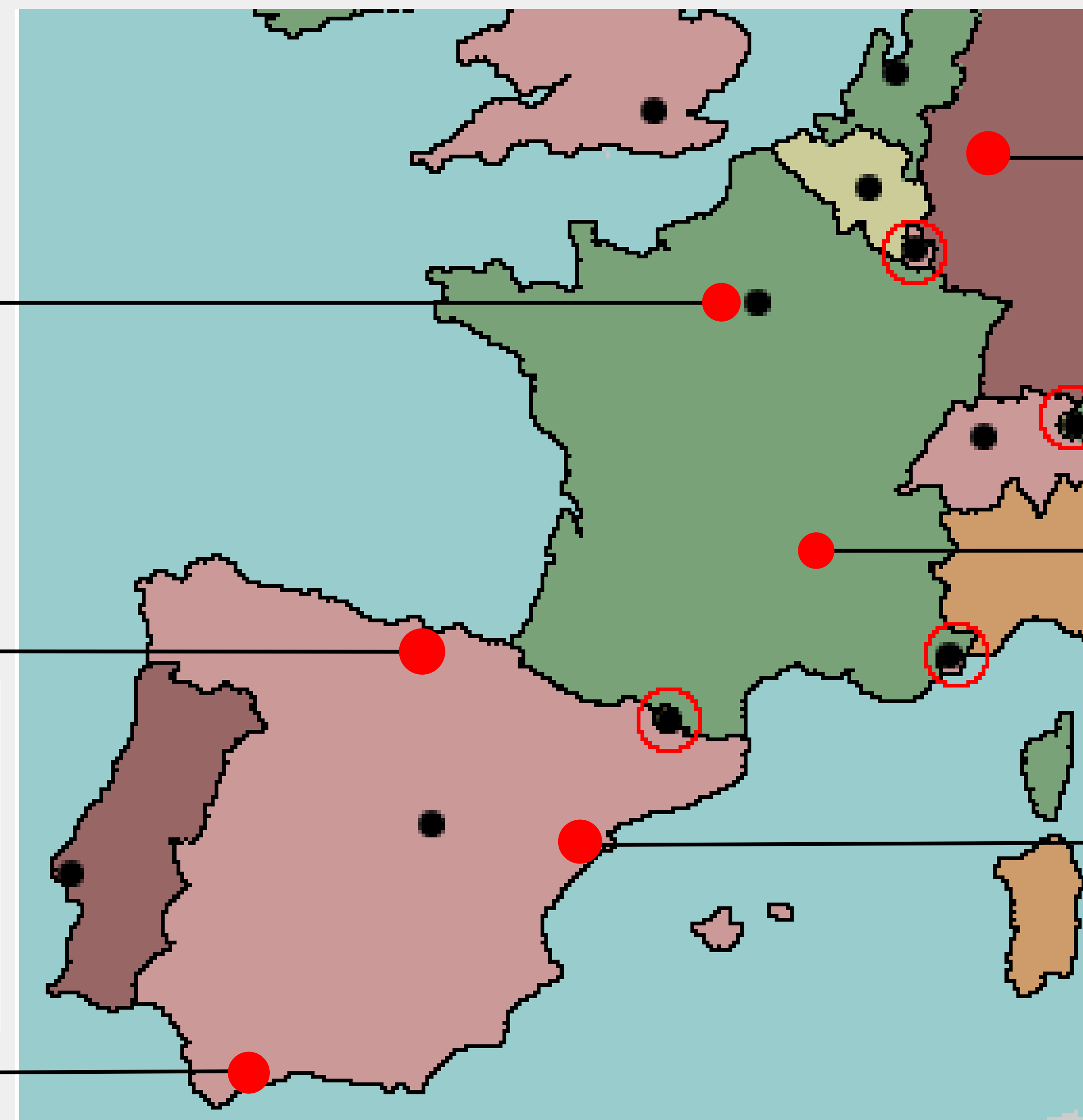
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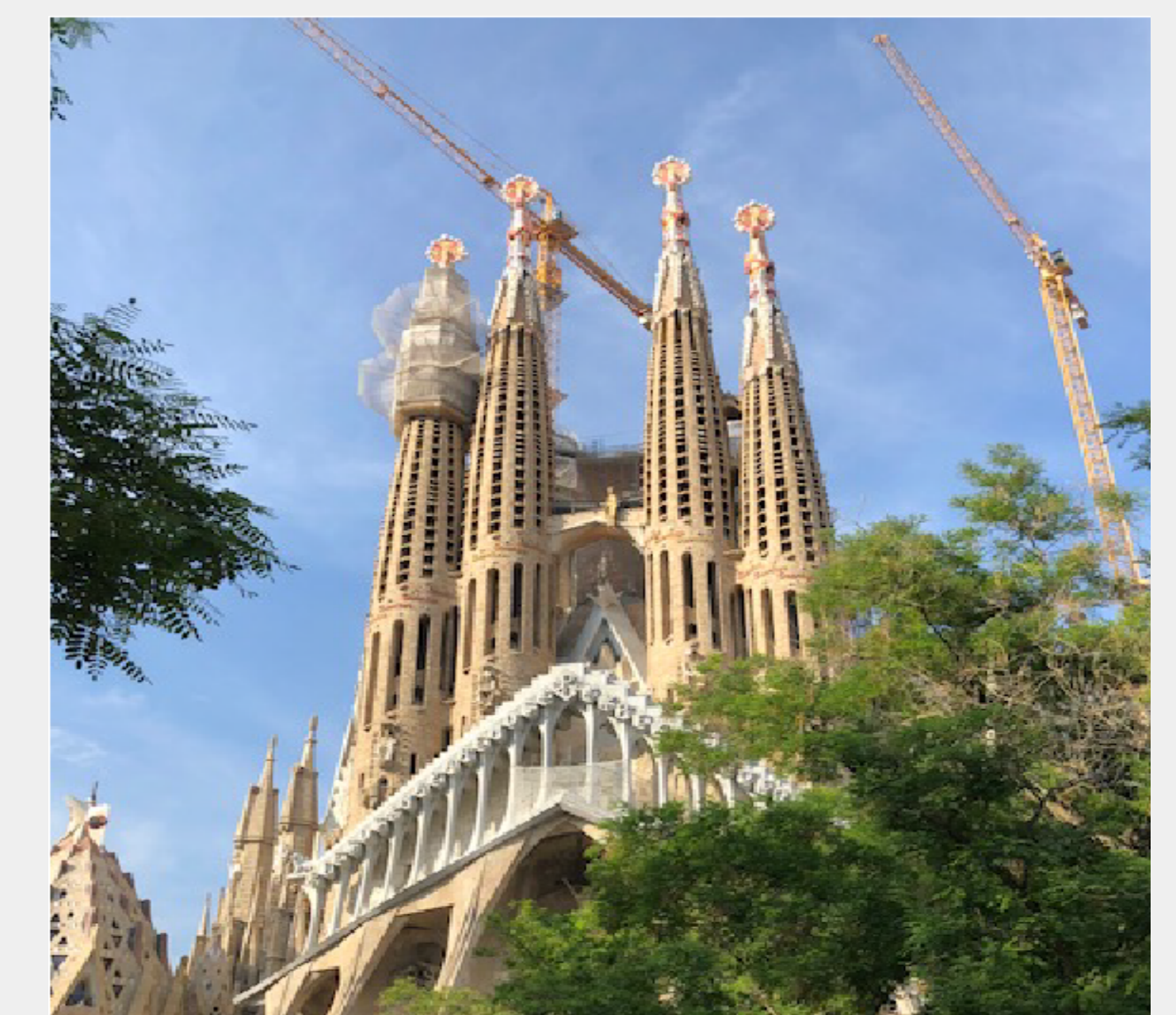
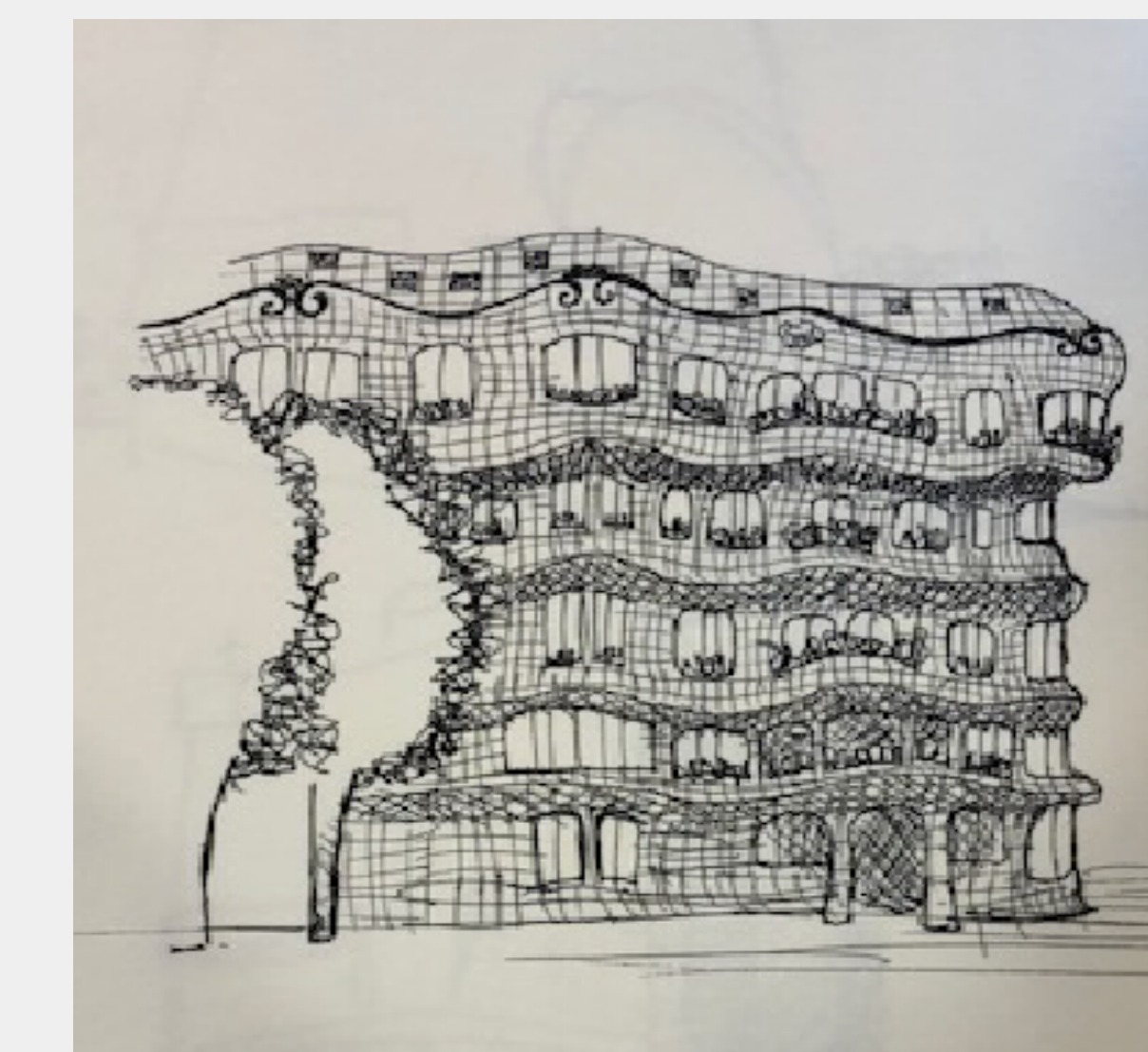
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Description

The Western European Architecture Studies study abroad was incredible journey from one capital of Western Europe to the next, with each being filled with dozens of architecturally significant sites I had the opportunity to visit. Throughout the study abroad I had a mandatory sketchbook and would be assigned certain sketches along the journey. Through these sketches I developed my skills as an architecture student.

Motivation

Before this trip I had just endured my sophomore year of architecture and was not feeling any assurance in the major I had chosen. Though, personally, I have always felt that I was destined to enter into this field, the past year of studio had really made me question my belonging in the major, and my future within the field. However, I had heard only incredible experiences about this trip and so I thought it to be the perfect reassurance in my career decision. To not only develop a relationship with my professors, but also to learn architectural analysis in a professional manner beneficial to my future.

Transformation

Through my sketches I gradually began to feel the assurance that though architectural design specifically may not be my assured life path, the field itself is the correct choice for any related field I wish to pursue. As we would meet with our professors to discuss our sketches, I was able to create a more well-rounded relationship and formulate a mindset into a proper architectural way of thinking. Now I know that I will continue to succeed as I wish to throughout my life, and that indeed no regrets have been made, but rather an eagerness to see what the future will bring as I work harder towards becoming the adult I aspire to be. The knowledge I have gained from such an experience is immeasurable and I cannot express anything but gratitude for every single moment.



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